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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert C. Simpson

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For: EPIDURAL CATHETER DISPENSER SYSTEM

STERILITY, AND PREVENT EPIDURAL

CATHETER CONTAMINATION

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Catherine S. Williams

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including July 12, 2005 in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 2, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the \$\frac{37}{24}\$. \$\frac{37

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Respectfully submitted,

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Extension of Time